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PSC SETS LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE IN AQUILA ELECTRIC AND STEAM HEAT RATE CASES

Jefferson City (October 8, 2003)---The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold local public hearings in **St. Joseph** and **Raytown** to receive customer comment in electric and steam heat rate cases filed by Aquila, Incorporated d/b/a Aquila Networks-L&P and Aquila Networks-MPS (Aquila). The local public hearing schedule appears below:

St. Joseph

December 2, 2003

6:00 pm*

City Council Chambers

1100 Frederick Avenue

Raytown

December 3, 2003

12:00 Noon*

City Council Chambers

10000 East 59th Street

NOTE: *The PSC Staff will conduct a general information session starting at this time to answer any questions customers may have. The information session will last 30 minutes with the local public hearing to follow.

These local public hearings will be held in facilities that meet the accessibility requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodations to participate in these hearings should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

Local public hearings give customers of the Company an opportunity to comment on the rate proposal currently before the Public Service Commission. In addition, customers can bring any service related problems to the attention of the Commission.

Aquila is seeking to increase annual electric revenues by approximately \$65 million in its Aquila Networks-MPS system and by approximately \$14.6 million in its Aquila Networks-L&P system. For the average residential customer, the proposed increase would be approximately \$13.25 a month for Aquila Networks-MPS customers and approximately \$8.95 a month for Aquila Networks-L&P customers. Aquila Networks-L&P serves approximately 64,000 electric customers in the former St. Joseph Light & Power service area. Aquila Networks-MPS serves approximately 220,000 electric customers in the former Missouri Public Service service area.

Aquila is seeking to increase annual steam revenues by approximately \$1.34 million (19.2%). Aquila serves six commercial customers in the St. Joseph, Missouri area.

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